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In a big country like North East
Kootenay it is almost impossible for
anyone individual to keep pace with
the onward strides which are being
made in every locality, and it usually
occurs that one portion of the district
for some reason or other gets a prefer-
ence, when, at the same time other
portions are known to be equally as
good in surface showings and indications.
This has been the case in this district,
and while the country to the west of
Windermere lake and Columbia river in
the Selkirk Range of mountains has
been receiving more attention than any
other portion of the district, there is
no good reason advanced for neglecting
the mineral showings to the east, in the
Rocky mountains. Although there has
been no small amount of development
work accomplished in the Rockies, yet
it has not received the attention due the
indications discovered. However, it is
to another portion of the district we
will draw attention in this article—the
portion known as the Spillemache-
River country. This country has but
little or no attention paid to it for the
past year or so, although previous to
that considerable money and energy
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Blackguard

"chipmunk," which was playing with some nutshells by the fire. "Cheep," said La Mancha, with a queer click of the tongue.

"Cheep," responded the animal, still busy.

"Cheep," said La Mancha again, whereupon the dainty little beast sat on end, with furry tail curled up its furry back, and looked from one to the other to see which spoke.

"Cheep," said La Mancha, at which the chipmunk glanced decisively at the Englishman's rising breeches, then ran to the big man's boot and perched on his knee.

"How's the nut business, eh, little man?"

"Cheep, cheep," clicked the chipmunk, then, undisturbed by further overtures of friendship, scuttled off to play again with his nutshells.

Mr. Ramsay, put on high dudgeon, brooding over his wrongs, much to the Blackguard's amusement as he snickered peacefully until the prospectors should be ready to knock out work at the dinner hour. The clanging of the siege-bell had ceased, a willowy man in long boots and muddy complexion crossed from the street to the cabin, the dinner smoke began to float up from the chimney, from within the tunnel came a sound of tapping, then thumping, then silence.

"Laughing in the charges," muttered La Mancha; "they'll be blasting soon. Cheer up, Charlie. Long Leslie saw it when we went to the cabin, or he wouldn't have made a dinner fire out of hot day like this."

Mr. Ramsay declined to answer, as La Mancha snickered peacefully, watching the chipmunk at play.

A second muddy man came running from the tunnel, dodging behind the or lack, yelling, "Look out!" A volley of stones came flying out after him; a sudden explosion shook the hillside.

"All right?" called the second muddy man, now eagerly examining the flag heads just thrown out. "Oh be still, you Blackguard, in a jiffy."

Mr. Ramsay had picked up a yellow object from the bench beside him, some thing which might have been a very big rock of barley sugar, yet felt rather like wax.

"Give that to me," said the Blackguard; then, seeing that the other resented his tone of command, he also rapidly grabbed at the stick.

Instantly because of the treatment he received at the hands of a man who had unconsciously battered him into feeling of equality and friendship, the Tenderfoot swung the yellow stick over his head with a rapid aim at the squirrel.

"Take care," said the Blackguard, "that's dynamite."

It was late. The stick had already flown from the youngster's hand, was whirling across the smithy. Then a red flower seemed to bud in the air, which became a gigantic blossom growing till it filled all the world, scorching hot.

The Blackguard opened one eye, then the other, hardly conscious of the two prospectors who were sitting away the rule of their smiddy.

"How's that Tenderfoot? Is he dead?"

Shorty answered, with a gulp in his throat, "So, you're real?" That good!

"But the Tenderfoot?"

"Oh, we got him out all right."

Shorty was wrenching at a small beetle which lay across La Mancha's shoulder.

"No bones broken, but he ain't woke up. Here, that takes the weight off you. How do you feel?"

"Middling," said the Blackguard, closing his eyes again. "Are the horses all right?"

"Only scared."

Rule up, one of you; fetch the Barons' girl with some nutshells and the family gunpowder. Right now, break above the elbow. Just like my confounded luck. They'll fine me another month's pay for breaking—leave. And then he fainted.

The Blackguard groaned as he woke up. "Big garden, didn't mean to," he said; then opening his eyes, "Are you the Barons' girl, or a Christmascare angel?"

Miss Violet's eyes were red as she bent over him, holding a half-empty flask.

"If you're a woman," he said, "I'll kiss you."

She did.

"Thanks. You're a very nice girl. Do you know how to do any one's head?"

She nodded, trying to smile, which was difficult, because her lips would curl the wrong way. "Then," he said, "take two sticks of wood, cover them all over with cotton wool, bind it down even with bandages, then strap them on either side of my arm, while Shorty and Long Leslie pull the bones out straight. Un derstand?"

"Too awfully frightened," whispered Miss Violet.

"Be frightened afterwards, not now. I always come to grief whenever I try to be good. I promise I won't ever do it again; but be quick, my dear, at a while you're making the splints get somehow to pour cold water on the swelling."

"How's that silly ass?" he asked fondly, while the work went forward; and it was the Tenderfoot who answered fearfully. "The silly one is ashamed."

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